

# WACO

## PARENT LETTER

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*"The mission of the WACO Community School District is to develop responsible, productive citizens who view learning as a lifelong process. WACO's educational environment encourages continuous improvement, problem-solving, measurable outcomes, and community involvement."*

FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

LINK TO WACO CLASSES, TEACHERS, GRADES, ASSIGNMENTS, MORE:  
<http://powerschool.wacohs.com>

### Social Studies Speaker

Students in 6th grade and in Mrs. Reichenbach's Modern History class have been studying World War II. On Tuesday, April 14, 2009 Ralph Troll, a Holocaust survivor from Port Byron, Il, came to speak to the students. In 1938, when Ralph was six years old, his family moved from Darmstadt, Germany to a small, isolated farm in the countryside about ten miles from the Rhine River. They were hoping to escape the Nazi persecution sweeping the country since his mother was Jewish. Ralph, his parents and his new baby sister hide in the cellar of the farmhouse



or in nearby foxholes to escape allied bombing raids. Along with nearby farmers they provided food and shelter to allied pilots who were shot down, deserters from the German army and those who managed to escape from concentration camps. In February 1945,

however they were discovered. Ralph told how the Nazi Gestapo suddenly appeared in the middle of the night and took his mother away. Months later, after the war ended, his emaciated mother was liberated from Theresienstadt Concentration Camp. The entire family emigrated to the United States in 1947. Ralph joined the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Ralph earned a Ph.D., and is professor emeritus of biology at Augustana College.

**WACO Elementary's Project Wisdom theme for the week of 4/27-5/1 is:**

***"Self-Responsibility: The Choice is Yours."***

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Thursday, April 23

1:00PM: Coed JH Fine Arts - SEISC JH Vocal Festival @ WMU  
4:00PM: Coed Varsity Golf VS. Columbus  
5:00PM: Coed Varsity Track - WMU Invite @ Mt. Pleasant  
7:00PM: Coed JH Fine Arts - SEISC JH Vocal Concert @ WMU

### Friday, April 24

4:30PM: Coed JH Track - Meet - JH

### Saturday, April 25

8:30AM: Boys Varsity Golf - Washington  
5:45PM: School Event Prom - Grand March @ WACO Gym  
7:00PM: School Event Prom - Dinner & Dance @ IWC

### Monday, April 27

4:00PM: Coed Varsity Golf @ Iowa Mennonite

### Tuesday, April 28

1:00PM: SEISC JH Band Fest. @ Danville  
5:00PM: Coed Varsity Track - New London Invitational @ Mt. Pleasant  
7:00PM: SEISC JH Band Concert @ Danville

### Wednesday, April 29

1:40PM: School Event Early Dismissal

### Thursday, April 30

4:00PM: Coed Varsity Golf @ Lone Tree  
4:30PM: Coed Varsity Track - Ekstrand Relays

### Preschool Parent Orientation

WACO Elementary School will hold a parent orientation session for parents of 2009-2010 preschool students on Monday, April 27th at 6:30 pm. This meeting will be held in the Elementary School Library at the Crawfordsville building and is for parents only. It will allow you to complete preliminary registration materials, and to get an answer to any of your questions regarding our program. We look forward to meeting you and discussing the WACO Early Childhood Program.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please phone the school to arrange a suitable time to enroll your child during the week of April 27th. If you have any questions, please call Deb Hughes at 319-658-2931.

### Crooked Creek 4H

Please turn in your 106 Forms to Pam before May 1st.

### WACO Orchestra News:

Congratulations to the high school orchestra students who participated in the Solo/Ensemble contest this past Saturday at New London High School! The results were: I (Superior) Rating: Ryan Poe - Viola Solo, Kathryn Pusey, Violin Solo, Justina Anderson/Kathryn Pusey - Violin Duet, Justina Anderson/Skylar Draper/Kathryn Pusey - Violin Trio, II (Excellent) Rating - Chamber Orchestra and III (Good) - String Quartet. Just a reminder to mark your calendars now for the annual Spring All-Orchestra Concert which will be held on Monday, May 11th at 7:30 p.m. at the High School. A record number of WACO string students (over 80) will be performing. The concert will feature the 4th grade Beginners Orchestra, the 5th and 6th Grade Orchestra, the Chamber Orchestra and the Junior/Senior High Orchestra.